

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. In combination;
a trim piece,
a gimp made of flexible, compressible material for attaching an edge of the trim piece to a panel,
said gimp extending along the edge of the trim piece, and
a bond affixing said gimp to the panel without visual gaps between the gimp and the panel.
2. The combination of claim 1, wherein said gimp is an elongated member in bonded contact with the panel uniformly and continuously throughout the full length of the gimp.
3. The combination of claim 2, wherein said gimp has a slip connection to said trim piece allowing relative movement therebetween.
4. The combination of claim 3, wherein said slip connection conceals the edge of the trim piece.
5. The combination of claim 3, wherein said slip connection is provided by a slot in said gimp slidably receiving and concealing the edge of the trim piece.

6. The combination of claim 3, wherein said slip connection is provided by a generally U-shaped portion of said gimp having spaced-apart walls and a slot between said walls, the edge of the trim piece being slidably received in said slot and concealed in said slot by said walls.

7. The combination of claim 6, further including a light film of adhesive between the edge of the trim piece and said slot capable of readily breaking away and freeing the edge of said trim piece to float in said slot after initial installation of the edge of the trim piece in the slot.

8. A gimp for attaching an edge of a trim piece to a panel,
said gimp being made of flexible, compressible material,
said gimp having a body portion adapted to be bonded to the panel,
said gimp having a U-shaped portion adapted to slidably receive the edge
of the trim piece.

9. The gimp of claim 8, further including a layer of adhesive on said body portion adapted to bond the body portion of said gimp to the panel.

10. The gimp of claim 9, further including a protective cover strip removably applied to a surface of said layer of adhesive, said cover strip being adapted to be peeled away to expose said surface of said layer of adhesive for bonding to said panel.